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Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02734.0442-02

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/987,248

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Examiner: J. Fortuna

Filed: November 14, 2001

For:

METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING

WATER REMOVAL IN A PRESS

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of January 8, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Α	dditional Fee
Total	68	•	0	48	x \$ 18	\$	864.00
Indep.	4	•	0	1	x \$ 84		84.00
⊠ First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280							280.00
Subtotal						\$	1228.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						-	.00
TOTAL						\$	1228.00

- \boxtimes A fee of \$1228.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- \boxtimes A check for \$1228.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Dated: April 8, 2002

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